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Measuring the Impact of PM Reductions by EH Indicators

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MDH EH Indicators Project

Study Area: Minneapolis/St. Paul Metro (seven counties), Olmsted



- * Timeframe
 - Funding 2007-2010 (US EPA)
 - Data analysis 2000-2009



PM Reduction Initiatives In Minnesota

- ★ Minnesota Emissions Reduction Project (MERP)
 - Coal to gas coversion of 2 power plants in MSP
 - Technology upgrades in MSP and Rochester
- ★ Project Green Fleet
 - Retrofitting buses in MSP
 - And in Rochester
- ★ National Initiatives
 - Diesel Fuels
 - Heavy Duty Diesel Regulations
 - Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR)



Measuring Impacts & Accountability



Regulatory or Policy Changes

Reductions in Population Exposures

- •PM10
- •PM2.5
- •PM2.5 species
- •Co-variates: ozone, pollen

Reductions in Population Health Outcomes

(Attributable Fraction)

- Hospitalizations
- •ER Visits
- •EMS Runs
- •Clinic Visits
- Prescriptions



Who's Involved

- *MDH
- **★Olmstead County Medical Center**
- *MPCA
- **★UMN** (School of Public Health)
- *Clean Air Minnesota
- **★US EPA**



Expected Results

- ★Quantifiable outputs to demonstrate the impact of local and national PM reduction projects
- ★ Development of EH outcome indicators that can be tracked over time
- *Informed environmental policy decision-making; accountability for public health interventions

